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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN: VICTOR CUNHA REGO

1. IT HAS NOW BEEN ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY THAT VICTOR CUNHA REGO, RECENTLY RESIGNED AS UNDER SECRETARY TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, HAS BEEN NAMED PORTUGAL'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN. CUNHA REGO HAS FOR SOME TIME INDICATED TO SOARES HE WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE THE GOVERNMENT FOR A DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENT. SOARES TOLD ME HE RESISTED AS LONG AS HE COULD SINCE CUNHA REGO HAS BEEN HIS MOST TRUSTED CONFIDANT FOR THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF, BUT HE FINALLY AGREED SINCE "THE MAN INSISTED ON LEAVING."

2. I RECOMMEND BOTH VICTOR AND YVONNE CUNHA REGO TO YOU WITHOUT ANY HESITATION. THEY ARE BOTH CHARMING AND INTELLIGENT PEOPLE WHO ARE STRONGLY PRO-AMERICAN. I AND MOST OF THE SENIOR STAFF OF THE EMBASSY HAVE HAD CLOSE AND FRUITFUL SOCIAL AND BUSINESS CONTACTS WITH THEM. AS A FORMER JOURNALIST VICTOR IS BOTH INTELLIGENT AND OUTSPOKEN. IN RECENT MONTHS HE HAS BEEN THE SINGLE MOST INFLUENTIAL FIGURE AROUND MARIO SOARES. HE, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR UNBLOCKING THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE RFE CONTRACT. HE HAS ALSO BEEN THE ONE PERSON IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE WHO UNDERSTOOD SOMETHING ABOUT ADMINISTRATION AND RUNNING
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THE GOVERNMENT, AND HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED IN THIS CAPACITY AS WELL.

3. CUNHA REGO SPENT SEVERAL YEARS IN EXILE IN BRAZIL WORKING AS A JOURNALIST. HIS WIFE IS A BRAZILIAN. SHE SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH; HIS IS LESS FLUENT BUT ADEQUATE. I PERSONALLY WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING EMBASSY MADRID

COULD DO TO MAKE THEM FEEL WELCOME IN SPAIN.
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